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That G.O.P. liability, Fred Hart-ley, continues to flit from one Chamber of Commerce meeting to another, defending (at so much per) that law he wrote along with an emancipation law. Sen. Taft and a staff of NAM lawyers.

Recently he addressed the Queens (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce and called the law a potential force for "great industrial peace."

He then expressed regret that there has been a great deal of emphasis in the wrong direction" since Nov. 2, and clamor to repeal

It's obvious what a union worker would say to such an argument. But imagine Mr. Hartley's shock when one of the businessmen attending the dinner shouted:

"Boloney!" Now, how do you suppose that 'union agitator" ever wormed his way into the Queens Chamber of Commerce.-N. J. Labor Herald.

SENATE APPROVES PROBES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS-

Washington. - The Senate authorized its banking committee to conduct a study of the "spread" between prices farmers received for their products and what consumers have to pay at the retail

The Senate approved a resolution giving the committee \$50,000 to investigate economic stabilization, banking and credit legislation and the problems of small business. Senator Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina, committee chairman, intends to use part of the money for his price "spread" in-

The Senate also voted to allow \$30,000, if the House agreed and paid half, for the Joint Economic Committee to study investments, unemployment, low-income families and monetary policies.

NUMBER OF FACTORY JOBS NEARLY 50% OVER '49 LEVEL Washington.-The number of

production workers in United States factories rose from 7,800,000 in prewar 1939 to 11,900,000 in 1947, an increase of about 50 percent, the Census Bureau reported.

Total wages of these workers increased from \$9,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000 in the same time a rise of 235 percent. The bureau summarized data ob-

tained in the 1947 census of manufacturers. It said reports from 241,000 manufacturing companies showed the value added to materials by the manufacturing process amounted to \$74,000,000,000 in 19-47, more than triple the comparable figure of \$24,000,000,000 in 1939.

93,617 UNION OFFICIALS

FILE NON-RED AFFIDAVITS Washington.-The National Labor Relations Board reported that 93,617 officials of national and local unions had on file current non-Communist affidavits on May 1, an increase of 8,796 over the previous month.

The 93,617 affidavits currently on file represent an increase of 25 percent over the 74,797 who had filed as of May 1, 1948.

Filing of these affidavits brought 179 national unions and 9,464 locals into full compliance with the affidavit and financial report requirements of the Labor-Management Relations Act as of April 30, 1949.

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arrived from the British Isles and continental Europe, the market value of slaves and indentured servants dropped. As their value dropped there developed a willingness, among their owners, to let them go free-without waiting for

Why Slavery Disappeared

The most influential men, in the North as well as in the South, refused to become alarmed at the evils of bond labor. Delegate John Adams told the Continental Congress in 1777: "It is of no consequence by what name you call the people, whether by that of freemen or slaves. In some countries the laboring poor are called freemen, in others they are called slaves; but the difference as to the state is imaginary only. . . . The condition of the laboring poor in most countries—that of the fishermen

particularly in Northern states-

is as abject as that of slavery." Ten years later, when idealists raised the subject in the convention which drafted the Constitution of the United States, Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut stated the view of the hard-headed majority that the new Federal government should ignore the "morality or wisdom of slavery." "Let us not intermeddle," he urged, adding this unequivocal prediction: "As population increases, poor laborers will be so plenty as to render slaves

(The industrial history of America during the last century and a half has been largely a history of attempts by employers to exploit surpluses of labor and of labor's resistance to such exploitation. As regards the printing industry, especially, the documents bearing on this contest have been well kept. In the next Picket will be told how free journeyman printers first became a noticeable factor in the industry, how they first combined to secure wage scales, and how they adopted their first craft laws to protect their scales.)

IRO REPORTS ARRIVAL

IN U. S. OF 20,000TH DP New York.-Blonde, 5-year-old Janina Vaitkevieius, who arrived aboard the army transport General Harry Taylor with her parents, 2 brothers and 875 other displaded persons, is the 20,000th D. P. to reach this country under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, it was revealed by the International Refugee Organization.

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